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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the following areas will be open to purse seining during the times and in the areas listed below:

District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m., Sunday, June 24, through 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 27, 2012:**

District 2: will be open north of the latitude of 54°47.10' N. latitude (located approximately one-half nautical mile south of McLean Point Light) and south of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Polk Island located at 55°00.73' N. latitude with the following restriction:

Moira Sound: all waters will be closed.

The Kendrick Bay terminal harvest area (THA) was opened on June 15, 2012, by regulation, and will be open continuously to purse seining through September 30, unless closed by emergency order. The Kendrick Bay THA consists of those waters of Kendrick Bay west of 131°59.00' W. longitude and those waters of McLean Arm west of 131°57.80' W. longitude.

District 10

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, June 24, 2012:

District 10: will be open with the following restrictions:

Admiralty Island shoreline: will be closed within three nautical miles of the Admiralty Island shoreline;

Frederick Sound: will be closed east of a line from Cape Fanshaw Light to Pinta Point.

District 12

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, June 24, 2012:**

Section 12-A: will be open in the following areas:

Point Augusta: will be open within one-half nautical mile from the Chichagof Island shoreline south of 58°03.00' N. latitude and north of a regulatory marker at 58°01.50' N. latitude (located one nautical mile south of Point Augusta Light);

Hidden Falls THA: will be open in the waters of Chatham Strait within the boundaries of a line from South Point, as indicated by a marker at 57°16.28' N. latitude, 134°51.78' W. longitude to a point offshore at 57°16.28' N. latitude, 134°48.00' W. longitude, then running south to a point offshore at 57°06.76' N. latitude, 134°43.00' W. longitude then due west to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°06.76' N. latitude, 134°47.50' W. longitude with the following restriction:

Kasnyku Bay: will be closed north and west of a line from North Point to the northernmost tip of Round Island to the southernmost tip of Round Island to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°12.48' N. latitude, 134°50.98' W. longitude.

Fishermen, tenders and processors are reminded that catches from the Kendrick Bay THA must be kept separate from the areas of District 2 outside of Kendrick Bay and recorded separately on a fish ticket. The statistical area for the Kendrick Bay THA is 102-15 inside of Kendrick Bay and 102-10 inside of McLean Arm. The statistical areas for portions of District 2 open outside of the Kendrick Bay THA are 102-10 (Kendrick Bay south) and 102-20 (Kendrick Bay north).

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions: For the Kendrick Bay Terminal Harvest Area and fishing areas open outside of Terminal Harvest Areas, **Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may not be retained and sold.** Chinook salmon greater than 21 inches and less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. Chinook salmon 21 inches or less may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Hidden Falls, Anita Bay, and Neets Bay Terminal Harvest Areas may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area must be retained, must be reported on fish tickets, and may be sold.

The 2012 forecast summer chum salmon return to Hidden Falls THA is 820,000. Of this return, 170,000 are needed for broodstock leaving 650,000 available for common property harvest. This will be the first season that NSRAA will not be conducting any direct cost recovery harvests. Instead, in order to derive the necessary revenues, the NSRAA Board of Directors has requested that the Department of Revenue assess a 20% tax of the value of all chum salmon harvested in the waters described as Section 12-A south of 57°27.00' N. latitude, north of 57°01.00' N. latitude, and west of a line from 57°27.00' N. latitude, 134°45.50' W. longitude to 57°01.00' N. latitude, 134°41.50' W. longitude (Subsections 112-11, 112-21, and 112-22) from June 15 through July 31 as provided for under AS 16.10.455 and new regulations adopted by the Department of Revenue found at:

<http://www.tax.alaska.gov/programs/documentviewer/viewer.aspx?209s>.

The next seine announcement will be issued on **Tuesday, June 26, 2012.**

Copies of the "2012 Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan" may be obtained at department area offices listed below and can be downloaded on the department's website at:
http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is EO 1S2512.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Catch Estimates Statistical Week 25 Preliminary Estimates compiled June 22, 2012							
NUMBERS OF SALMON							
Area	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats
District 2*	600	2,200	1,200	240	39,000	43,240	17
Deep Inlet	100	0	0	0	350	450	3
Hidden Falls	420	0	0	0	11,700	12,120	14

FISH PER BOAT						
Area	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 2*	35	129	71	14	2,294	2,544
Deep Inlet	33	0	0	0	117	150
Hidden Falls	30	0	0	0	836	866

*District 2 numbers are for the entire 4-day period
 Anita Bay THA: no reported seine harvest.
 Neets Bay THA: no additional catch reported.
 Confidential Data: Kendrick Bay THA

News releases web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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